

2016
ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF WALPOLE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To any constable in the Town of Walpole

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections in town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the **Walpole High School** at 275 Common Street in said Walpole on the

FIRST MONDAY IN MAY, IT BEING THE
SECOND DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2016

at 7:30 p.m. then and there to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws and Zoning By-laws to said Town and act on the on the following articles

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the report of any committee or to choose any committee the Town may think proper and transact any other business that may legally come before the Town. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve the new salary schedule as recommended by the Personnel Board as found on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a supplemental sum or sums of money to the various departmental operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), and to see what departmental budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 may be reduced to offset said appropriations or reduced due to any reductions in funding, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation for elected officials of the Town as provided for by the General Laws, Chapter 41, section 108, for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and to see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to defray departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 not otherwise provided for, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Water Service Enterprise Fund to operate the Town of Walpole Water Service Department for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Sewer Enterprise Fund to operate the Town of Walpole Sewer Department for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money as may be required for the design, permitting and construction of a cast iron water main, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money as may be required for the rehabilitation of the water booster pump stations, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds such sum or sums of money as may be required for payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Walpole, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to offset the financial impact of the snow and ice deficit on the current year tax levy, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect, improve, and/or modify the physical infrastructure, including but not limited to municipal buildings, facilities, parking lots, fields and other properties, of the Town of Walpole, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money as may be required for the purchase of capital equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, for the various departments of the Town of Walpole, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to resurface, repair and /or reconstruct certain streets and/or sidewalks, to make drainage improvements in certain Town roads, and to rebuild certain manholes and catch basins in the Town, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the improvements to various streets and/or sidewalks within the Town, consisting of the construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of public ways or the extension or widening thereof, including land damages and the cost of concrete, macadam or other pavement or road material of similar lasting character and sidewalks constructed or reconstructed in connection with such improvements or independently; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept awarded grants from State, Federal, private, and/or non-profit Agencies and to expend said funds without further appropriation and to raise and appropriate, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for required matches to such grants, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c.44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUND	SPENDING LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
					And/or Comments
Council on Aging Programs	User Fees	Council on Aging	COA Programs and Services	\$100,000	None
Library Services	Receipts from copiers, the computer center, lost materials and instructional classes	Library Trustees	Support of copiers, computer center services and instructional classes	\$35,000	None
Senior Citizen Health Services	Medicare reimbursement of flu and pneumococcal vaccines	Council On Aging	Senior Citizen Health Related Expenses	\$20,000	None
Compost Bins	Sale of Bins	Board of Health	Purchase of Compost Bins	\$10,000	None
Recreation	Receipts from recreational programs	Recreation Committee	Recreational Programs & Services, including salaries	\$700,000	None

			& expenses.		
Fire Alarm Maintenance	Fire Alarm Master Box Charges	Fire Department	Maintenance of Town Fire Alarm System, including salaries & expenses.	\$20,000	None
Engineering Services & Inspections	Inspection Fees	Planning Board	Inspections Of roadways, drains, utilities, & related construction of site plans, subdivisions & roads, including salaries & expenses.	\$100,000	None
Turco Field Maintenance & Turf Replacement Fund	User Fees & Gifts	Parks Department	Turf replacement and Field maintenance, repairs, equipment and supplies including salaries and expenses	\$508,584	None
Turner Pond Fund	Fees, donations, sale of goods	Pond Management Com & Conservation Com	Upkeep, repairs, maintenance & utilities and services for Turner Pond & Turner Pond Lodge	\$45, 000	None

or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Fire Station, along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and all other incidental and related costs; and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or any combination of the foregoing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend all funds received as gifts or state or federal grants associated with the project; or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ (inserted by c.352 of the Acts of 2014), for the purpose of establishing a separate revenue account (a receipts reserved for appropriation account) to be known as the “PEG Access and Cable Related Fund”, into which shall be deposited funds received in connection with franchise agreements

between a cable operator and the Town, which funds may be appropriated by Town Meeting for cable-related purposes as provided in the franchise agreements and in accordance with law, including, but not limited to: (1) support of public, educational, or governmental (“PEG”) access cable television services; (2) monitoring compliance of the cable operator with the cable television license(s); or (3) preparing for the renewal of the cable license(s); and to transfer all cable television license proceeds and receipts held by the Town for such purposes to such new PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, and further to appropriate from said fund a sum of money as a grant for Cable Access and PEG purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement for the expenditure of such funds for cable-related purposes in accordance with law; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to initiate, research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, with the Community Choice Electrical Aggregation Program or otherwise, to aggregate electricity and natural gas load of the residents and businesses in the Town, and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such instruments, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 6-C. Special Conditions 4. Number of Buildings per Lot A. Residential, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the bold text as follows:

Except where specifically provided elsewhere, in all residential zoning districts not more than one (1) principal building constructed as a dwelling or so used shall be located on each lot. However, in General Residence Districts, the Board of Appeals may by Special Permit allow more than one (1) principal building on a lot where the applicant has also shown that the design and placement of the buildings will be in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood streetscape, driveways, building placement, setbacks, volume and spacing. Applications for this Special Permit shall provide the information specified in Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw ~~and shall not require Full Site Plan Review at the time of the Special Permit application.~~ **and if applicable, all information required for Site Plan Review as specified in Section 13 of the Zoning Bylaw and said projects shall be subject to all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.**

Such that Section 6-C.4.A. shall read as follows:

Except where specifically provided elsewhere, in all residential zoning districts not more than one (1) principal building constructed as a dwelling or so used shall be located on each lot. However, in General Residence Districts, the Board of Appeals may by Special Permit allow more than one (1) principal building on a lot where the applicant has also shown that the design and placement of the buildings will be in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood streetscape, driveways, building placement, setbacks, volume and spacing. Applications for this Special Permit shall provide the information specified in Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw and if applicable, all information required for Site Plan Review as specified in Section 13 of the Zoning Bylaw and said projects shall be subject to all

other applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Planning Board)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least two public places in each precinct in said Town not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the day set for said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this ____ day of _____ in the year two thousand and Sixteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place for the purpose mentioned in said warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least two public places in each precinct of said town not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

Constable

Date Posted